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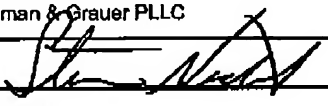
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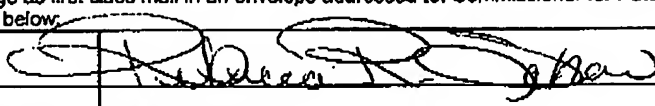
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Todd K. Whitehurst et al.

Application No. 10/731,551

Filed: December 8, 2003

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Neurostimulator for Intercostal
Nerve Stimulation as a Therapy
for Angina Pectoris

Group Art Unit: 3762

Examiner: EVANISKO, George Robert

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